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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, SHUM, UNESCO  
SUBJECT: UNESCO: 104TH EXBD: FIRST DAY'S ISSUES

1. INSTRUCTION RE ADDITION OF ITEM 7.1.6 ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ARRIVED AFTER ISSUE WAS REACHED IN DEBATE. USDEL, PROCEEDING ON EARLIER TELECON, STATED THAT IT WAS RESERVING ITS POSITION ON THIS ITEM OWING TO ITS CONTENTIOUS NATURE AND LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS. BELGIAN DEL ALSO RESERVED ITS POSITION. NO OTHER MEMBERS ADDRESSED THE ITEM.

2. PAUL DENYS (BELGIUM) APPOINTED TO FILL UNEXPIRED EXBD TERM OF VAN USSEL, WHO RESIGNED. ARABS CAST FIVE NEGATIVE VOTES IN RETALIATION FOR BELGIAN RESERVATION ON 7.1.6 WHICH WAS EXPRESSED EARLIER BY DEPUTY PERMREP FUNES-NOPPEN.

3. STEPANEK TOLD US THIS P.M. THAT THERE ARE NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS BETWEEN DG M'BOW AND THE  
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GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA ON DUMITRESCU THAT ARE LIKELY TO LEAD TO A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT BEFORE THE END OF THIS EXBD SESSION. STEPANEK SAID HE COULD NOT GUARANTEE SETTLEMENT, BUT IT SEEMED QUITE PROBABLE. WE QUERIED HUGH PHILP (EXBD MEMBER FROM AUSTRALIA) WHO HAD NOT YET HEARD, BUT CHECKED IT OUT AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER REPORTED BACK THAT THIS WAS INDEED THE CASE. THE

SCENARIO HE GOT WAS THAT DG WOULD MAKE A STATEMENT TO THE EXBD AND THEN LIPATI WOULD RESPOND, AND THESE TWO STATEMENTS WOULD SETTLE THE MATTER. WITHOUT REFERRING TO THESE REPORTS, BUT MERELY IN THE GUISE OF CHECKING OUT THE PRESENT SITUATION, DELOFF ASKED ROMANIAN PERMREP LIPATI IF THERE WERE ANY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CASE. HE SAID THERE WERE, AND THAT HE THOUGHT THE MATTER MIGHT BE SETTLED "QUIETLY." WE WILL ASK TO SEE THE DG ON THIS AND ASK HIM HOW HE THINKS WE COULD BE MOST HELPFUL IN MOVING THIS MATTER TO A SETTLEMENT. IN LIGHT OF THESE NEW ELEMENTS, FEEL IT WOULD BE BEST TO DELAY CALLING A MEETING OF THE INFORMATION GROUP.

4. IN HIS ORAL REPORT TO THE EXBD, THE DG GAVE HIS CUSTOMARY RUNDOWN OF THE STATE VISITS HE HAS MADE SINCE THE LAST SESSION, AND THEN LAUNCHED INTO A SPIRITED (SOME MIGHT SAY EMOTIONAL) EXPOSE OF WHAT HE PERCEIVES TO BE AN INTERNATIONAL PRESS CAMPAIGN TO SMEAR UNESCO. HE NAMED GEORGE BEEBE, AND READ MORE OR LESS VERBATIM AN AP REPORT QUOTING BEEBE'S CAUTIONARY WORDS ON WHAT UNESCO IS DOING RE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. M'BOW CITED EXAMPLES OF BIAS, INACCURACY, AND VICIOUSNESS OF LATIN AMERICAN PRESS. HE SPOKE ON THE PRESS FOR AT LEAST ONE-HALF HOUR. HE ALSO DESCRIBED UNESCO'S FINANCIAL SITUATION, SAYING THERE IS \$29 MILLION IN THE TILL, CONFIDENTIAL

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WHICH IS ENOUGH TO PAY THE BILLS FOR THREE MONTHS, BUT THAT IF THE UNITED STATES WOULD PAY UP, IT WOULD CARRY THE ORGANIZATION THROUGH TO THE END OF THE YEAR. HE CITED THE UNITED STATES BY NAME TWO OR THREE TIMES, BLAMING OUR LATE PAYMENTS/UNCERTAINTY OF PAYMENTS FOR HIS DELAYS IN RECRUITMENT.

5. THE DG HAD HIGH PRAISE FOR THE SOVIET UNION IN ITS HOSTSHIP OF THE TBILISI CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION LAST OCTOBER. TORRES

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